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SUBJECT: EXBS: SLOVENIA AND CROATIA PROGRAM ADVISOR MONTHLY  
REPORTING CABLE-NOVEMBER 2004

**11.** SUMMARY: Passports were received from Slovenia and visas granted for the Washington Department of Commerce (DOC) workshop in December. Three members of the Slovenian Government and three from Croatia attended the London Export Conference. The University of Georgia (UGA) conducted a Slovenian export assessment. Two National Control List workshops and Seaport training were conducted in Croatia. Shield America (ICP) training was conducted in Ljubljana. Discussions continue regarding the formation of a newly created Croatian Coast Guard.

Slovenia

**II. BROAD ITEMS OF INTEREST TO ADVISORS AND AGENCY MANAGERS**

**1A.** None

**II. COMPLETED ACTIONS FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD.**

**1A.** SITE ASSESSMENTS AND MEETINGS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

**11.** The University of Georgia conducted an assessment of EXBS in Slovenia during November 1-6, 2004. The initial feedback from the personnel conducting this assessment was quite positive. There has been definite and measurable progress within Slovenia.

**12.** Visas were issued and final travel arrangements were made for the eight senior Slovenian officials traveling to Washington for the Department of Commerce International Visitors Program. This program will take place in Washington from December 6 to 10, 2004.

**13.** Three senior Slovenian officials attended the London Export Conference November 8-10, 2004 and reported that they considered it a valuable forum.

**14.** On November 3, meeting was held with the Slovenian Nuclear Safety Administration. Efforts are underway to locate all sources of ionizing radiation in Slovenia that may have been lost during the transition to independence. Several significant sources have been recovered in the last few months and it is hoped that all significant sources will be located within the next six months.

**15.** Meetings were also held with the Chamber of Commerce (Defense Industry Association), Customs and Police regarding the impact of adoption of the European Commission Control List. Military use items appear to be well controlled, but licensing for dual use items is still in a learning mode. More companies appear to have the ability to produce dual use items than had originally been thought.

**16.** On November 30, a Law Enforcement reception was held at the Ambassadors residence in Ljubljana. The purpose of the reception was to honor graduates of a recent ILEA course in Budapest. Most EXBS Law Enforcement contacts were present.

**1B. TRAINING CONDUCTED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.**

**11.** Shield America (ICP) training was held in Ljubljana November 16-18, 2004. The workshop was well received by the participants.

**EQUIPMENT DELIVERED DURING THE TRAINING PERIOD.**

**11.** None.

**IMMINENT TRAINING OR EQUIPMENT STATUS UPDATE.**

**11.** None.

**SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN EXPORT CONTROLS, NON PROLIFERATION, OR RELATED BORDER SECURITY.**

**11.** None.

### III. RED FLAG ISSUES.

11. The movement of the EXBS office from Ljubljana to Zagreb requires the initiation of an NSDD-38. Neither Embassy may

proceed without this. Leases in Ljubljana expire by the end of June 2005. To avoid multiple ICASS charges, which can be significant, each Embassy requires six months notice. The NSDD-38 request is required to start the six month clock ticking.

### CROATIA

#### 1I. BROAD ITEMS OF INTEREST TO ADVISORS AND AGENCY MANAGERS.

1A. None.

#### II. COMPLETED ACTIONS FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD.

##### 1A. SITE ASSESSMENTS AND MEETINGS DURING REPORTING PERIOD.

11. The Zagreb Donors group met for their monthly meeting on November 23. This was the EXBS Advisor's first meeting with this group, which is hosted by the OSCE. Several people were present that are normally included in EXBS projects and it is anticipated that the EXBS Advisor will continue to attend these meetings. A primary focus of the Croatian government is entrance into the European Union and many of the donor groups are associated with the European Union. Close contact between EXBS and these other donor groups is essential, not only to preclude duplication of effort, but also to insure that EXBS efforts not conflict with EU and Croatian goals regarding EU entrance for Croatia.

12. Further meetings were held with the Croatian Border Police regarding requests for assistance with the formation of the new Croatian Coast Guard. The EXBS Advisor will be in Washington in January and will discuss these concerns. Additionally, a meeting was held with Colonel Roman Mikulic regarding the eventual outcome of which agency will actually have the new Coast Guard. It was the Colonel's belief that it would be a shared service, using naval vessels, for several years, but eventually would be solely civilian under the Ministry of Interior Police.

13. Three senior Croatian officials attended the November London Export Conference, but there as yet has been no feedback from them to EXBS.

##### 1B. TRAINING CONDUCTED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

11. November 7-12, Seaport training was held for the Croatian Customs and Police in Opatija and Rijeka, Croatia. The training was very popular with the attendance of 31 people; six more than had originally been anticipated. The Rijeka Customs equivalent of a CBP Contraband Enforcement Team was so professional that the U.S. instructors recommend that they attend advanced training in Newark, New Jersey.

12. A National Control List (NCL) training session for government licensing officials was held in Zagreb November 15-18. The training was well attended and addressed many concerns held by the officials anticipating the January 1, 2005, implementation of the Croatian NCL.

13. An NCL course for industry was held November 29-30 in Zagreb. This course was also well attended and the participation of the attendees was particularly enthusiastic. Based on the number of questions regarding what companies will have to comply with the new law and how to do so, it is anticipated that there will be requests for additional courses after the law takes effect January 1, 2005.

##### 1C. EQUIPMENT DELIVERED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

11. Six CT-30 kits containing fiber-optic scopes and density meters were delivered to the Croatian Customs Service at the conclusion of the training held in Opatija-Rijeka November 12, 2004.

##### 1D. IMMINENT TRAINING OR EQUIPMENT STATUS UPDATE.

11. December 14-17, 2004. Targeting and Risk Management to be held in Zagreb.

12. January 17-19, 2005. PASS (Passive Acoustic Signature System) training to be held in Zagreb.

##### 1E. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN EXPORT CONTROLS, NON PROLIFERATION, OR RELATED BORDER SECURITY.

11. None.

III. RED FLAG ITEMS.

11. The same concerns listed in the Slovenian Red Flag Issues, regarding the transfer of the EXBS office from Slovenia to Croatia.

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